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Blackjack does a magnificent performance

The monthly get together of the members of the Sri Lanka for the month of August was held on 25/8/2013 at the "Vishmithapaya" from 9.30am. Around 28 members were present.

The GS Devsiri who was present after a brief illness was present and he welcomed all members who were present and wished that the members will have a pleasant and a memorable day.

The president spoke to the members about forthcoming contests namely the young magician and the amateur magicians of the year contest to be held on the 29th of September at the Lycium international school, Nugegoda and the Gate Mudaliyar A.C.G.S. Amarasekara Challenge trophy for the Magician of the year to be held at the Y.M.B.A. auditorium on the 13th of October. He wished that many members will take part to make these events a successful and a colourful event.

The star performer for the day was Noel Anandan (stage name Blackjack) who works in Oman who has returned to the island for a short holiday. He opened his performance with a colourful throw coil. He then performed a card trick followed by the 'dancing butterflies' where he made two paper butterflies fly and dance around him with the help of a fan and finally he made a bunch of butterflies fly away from his hand with the help of the same fan. He continued with a few more card tricks with the participation of the members. He ended up with a three rope routine. He was one of the best Star Performers we have seen during the past few years. He also shared his experience with the members as to how he became a magician.

The next performer was Priyantha Gamage where he got a member to cut a pack of cards several times and mix on turning the cards over all the cards were arranged red/black. Asanka Pathirana came up next and performed a card

trick. Lalith Wickramasingha performed the 'Gozinta Boxes' also called the 'in and out box' where he showed a box and opened it. There was a smaller box inside. He opened the inner box and inserted the outer bigger box into it and closed it without any difficulty. He also showed a card trick, a prediction. Next was Sanjeewa Hewapathirana. He showed a sponge ball routine followed by 'pen through note'. Dr Weerawardana who had come all the way from Anuradapura performed the colour changing CDs. On a special request by the members Chandrasena Gamage performed the multiplying finger, a comedy act where he showed a finger and covered with a handkerchief and on opening it there were two fingers.

Noel Anandan came up again and performed a sponge ball act and sponge ball to cube. The new member who owns a magic shop Gayan next showed a card trick and very generously he distributed twelve sets of the same trick to twelve members including the CDs explaining how to perform the trick. The last performer was another new member Tharanga where he showed a trick with giant cards.

Refreshments were served followed by a talk by the president and VP Suranjith about the rules of the contests. The training class of VP Shelton was held followed by a sale of items by Noel Anandan.

Shelton Jayasekara

National Trophy presented by the Sri Lanka Magic Circle

The
NATIONAL CONTEST
is due to take place
this year.
Watch out for
details in the
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Donovan Andree Challenge Trophy for Young Magicians



The Magic Circle will be organizing magic contests this year to assess the professional skills of the trainees on 29th September and the 13th October as well.

On **Sunday 29th September** the Young Magicians Contest for those under 16 years will vie for the Donovan Andree Challenge Trophy for Young Magicians and the Linden de Alwis Challenge Trophy for the Amateur Magicians Contest. Both these contests would be held at the **Aoleon Hall, Lyceum International School Hall, Nugegoda from 10.00 AM onwards.**

All lovers of magic are cordially invited where **no tickets** will be issued but should register on 011-2852998 since seating is limited on first come first served basis.



Linden de Alwis Challenge Trophy
for the Amateur Magicians

SAVING ELEPHANTS USING MAGIC

It doesn't take magic to stop elephants from going extinct, but Eric Bedard knows it can help out the cause. On June 12 at the White Eagle Hall, 90 Dock St., Bedard and 15 fellow magicians will be putting on an array of magic shows to raise money for Elephant Earth, a local charity that works at stopping illegal poaching in Africa.

Bedard plans to travel to Kenya this September and walk 100 kilometres with others to bring awareness to the crisis. To learn more about Elephant Earth, visit elephantearth.org. As we in Sri Lanka are also faced with this "elphantine" problem maybe some of us could learn from Mr. Bedard

Magician of the Year 2013 and the Master Magicians Contest 2013



Gate Mudaliyar A.C.G.S. Amarasekera Challenge Shield

Magician of the Year 2013 for the Gate Mudaliyar A.C.G.S. Amarasekera Challenge Shield and the Master Magicians Contest 2013 for the Ranapala Bodinagoda Challenge Trophy will be held on **13th October 2013 at the YMBA Hall, Borella at 6.00**

A very high standard is expected at both contests. Since seats are limited all those wishing to be present should contact 0112852998 or email magicana@sltnet.lk for tickets priced at nominal rates of Rs. 300/-, 200/- and 100/-.